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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshinobu TAKANO, et al.

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FOR:

BRANCHING METHOD FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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**AMENDMENT** 

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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